

CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY ADVISORY COMMISSION (CJPAC)

Thursday, April 26, 2018

Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Chairperson Scott Semple, Commissioner, Department of Corrections, *Cheryl Cepelak*, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Corrections; *Karen Jarmoc*, President and CEO, CT Coalition against Domestic Violence; *Gary Roberge*, Executive Director, Court Support Services Division; *Kevin Kane*, Chief State's Attorney, Office of the Chief State Attorney; *Vilmaris Diaz*, Connecticut Board of Pardons and Paroles; *Humayun Beg*, Executive Director, Criminal Justice Information Systems; *Chris Rappillo*, Chief Public Defender, Public Defender's Office; *Loel Meckle*, Assistant Director of Forensic Services, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services; *Tom Saadi*, Commissioner, Department of Veterans Affairs; *Charlene Russell-Tucker*, Chief Operating Officer, State Department of Education; *Natasha Pierre*, State Victim Advocate, Office of the Victim Advocate; *Dora Schriro*, Commissioner, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection

I. Introductions

- a. This meeting was not broadcast on CTN.
- b. Members present introduced themselves.

II. Welcome and Policy Updates

- a. Welcome was provided by Chairperson Semple.
- b. Chairperson Semple held a moment of silence for two recent deaths in Connecticut's criminal justice realm: Trooper 1st Class Kevin Miller and prior Public Defender Tom Ullmann.
- c. A short discussion about OPM's in-progress Women's Pretrial Study ensued.

III. Approval of Minutes from March 2018

- a. Minutes were approved with minor edit to the date.

IV. Commission Correspondence

- a. No Commission Correspondence

VI. Presentation

- a. There were no presentations made at this meeting.

VII. Agency Updates

DMHAS – DMHAS is working with New Haven and Hartford police departments on diversion. They received \$5.5 million last year in response to the opioid crisis. A conference regarding opioids occurred in Cromwell, CT recently and 293 people attended, 160 of which were police officers, they attended a number of workshops on opioid related topics, including how to deploy naran.

Public Defenders Office – They are in the strategic planning process and have a new mission statement going through the process for acceptance. They are working with immigration services to make sure that immigrants involved in the criminal justice system in Connecticut are given the best advice based on their status. And there is technical assistance available for attorneys in regards to immigration issues.

CJIS – By the end of June, they plan to have Phase I into production. They will share information from arrest to disposition. They are working on getting connectivity to police departments and making support services available.

CSSD – They were recently accredited again, and praised by the accreditors for their employee's professionalism and abilities. Adult Probation first quarter recidivism rate in 18 was 38.11% which is

down from the 2017 rate of 35.5% and the FTA rate and new arrest rate for individuals released on non-financial conditions remained steady in the first quarter of 18 at 14.4 % for those released and failed to appear and 22.5% for those released and picking up a new arrest. They also presented a document of a Program Report Card: Alternative in the Community as an example of just some of the work they do.

SDE – Presented a report by the Department of Education. They are working with DESPP to make sure schools have a school safety and security plan and they are providing resources for this.

State's Attorney Office – they have pilot diversion programs running, and sending more cases from GA to community court, exercising their charging function and ultimately attempting to divert. Screening and intake efforts are focused on low level offenders.

DVA - SB223 proposed by judicial involves a training on PTSD for veterans involved in the criminal justice system, and while supportive of the idea, DVA is worried about their capacity to support such a program without additional resources/ staffing. Which raises a broader concern of other similar issues like this with raised bills in the legislature.

DOC – current population is 13,545, a 7% decrease from a year ago. And there are 121 on DUI Home Confinement. It is national reentry week. The next emerging adult unit will open at York in June. Commissioner Scott Semple will be speaking at Notre Dame University regarding higher education opportunities in prison, and people at Mason Youth Institute will be able to receive Yale University credits coming soon.

CT Alliance to End Sexual Violence– They are conducting a dating violence on college campuses study. The DV Fatality review report will be coming out soon. There is a DV workplace policy website called Workplaces Respond, and they are doing work around this issue.

OVA – They held a victim rights symposium in April.

BOPP – 55% grant rate, hearings are up 19% since last month, 26 absolute expedited pardons, and 18 absolute full pardons this month.

DESPP- Narcan deployments are approaching 250, they have revived 233 people so far. They have had 5,000 LAP called since October 2014. DESPP partnered with CT Department of Education and the Girl Scouts for the program Go Girl Cyber Start, which encourages girls to go into fields like cybersecurity. Lastly, DESPP Commissioner Schriro suggested a group meeting dedicated solely to discussing women in criminal justice.

VI. Subcommittee Updates

PJOC – no update

Behavioral health – no update

Victim issues –no update

VIII. Public Comment

No public Comment

IX. Adjournment

Chairperson Semple adjourned the meeting at 10:18 am.